Promotion of animal husbandry

†1203. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the plan of Government for promotion of animal husbandry in the country and the extent of success achieved in this regard;

(b) the States where animal husbandry is primarily adopted as an occupation and the schemes being run therefor;

(c) the percentage of success of these schemes;

(d) whether any special project has been formulated or proposed to be formulated in view of the geographical and environmental situation of Himachal Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) The Government is implementing a number of schemes for promotion of animal husbandry in the country. These have played a significant role in supplementing family income and generating gainful employment in the rural sector, particulalry among the landless labourers, small marginal farmers, besides providing cheap nutritional food to millions of people.

(b) Animal husbandry is primarily adopted as a secondary occupation in almost all the States. The schemes being implemented for promotion of animal husbandry are given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) According to National Sample Survey Organisation's latest survey (1999-2000), the estimate of employment in animal husbandry sector was 11 million in principal status and 8 million in subsidiary status, which is 5% of the total working population. The value of output from livestock sector was about Rs. 1,64,509 crore at current prices during 2003-04, which is about 26.5% of the value of output from total agriculture and allied sector.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. However, most of the existing schemes are also being implemented in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Schemes for promotion of animal husbandry

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme
1	National Project for Cattle & Buffalo Breeding
2	Assistance to State Poultry/Duck Farms
3	Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme
4	Conservation of Threatened Livestock Breeds
5	Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases
6	National Project on Rinderpest Eradication
7	Foot & Mouth Disease Control Programme

Development of marine and inland fisheries

1204. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any innovative steps for all round development of marine and inland fisheries in order to give a fillip to the fisheries trade in the country, particularly in Maharshtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any suggestion alongwith some useful demonstrations from World Fish Centre Organization for the development of fishery business in various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Using of sub-standard seeds

†1205. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers are using seeds of inferior quality causing adverse effect on agricultural production;

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